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To: All FS Manual Holders

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SECTION: Eligibility & Benefit Determination

SUBJECT: Deductions (Medical)

REFERENCES: 7 CFR 273.9(d)(1) through (6), 7 CFR 273.10(d)

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007 for the benefit month of September 2007

INTRODUCTION: The medical deduction for an elderly individual begins the month after the individual's 60th birthday is incorrect.

Effective August 1, 2007 for the benefit month of September 2007 TEAMS will allow a medical expense deduction exceeding \$35 the month an individual turns 60 years old.

Currently, there is a TEAMS work around to allow a medical expense deduction for an elderly or disabled individual who is no longer in the household.

Effective August 1, 2007 for the benefit month of September 2007 there will be a new medical expense code 'FX' to be used for an elderly or disabled individual who is no longer in the household.

POLICY CHANGE:

FS 602-3 Page 8 last sentence in first paragraph under **TEAMS CODING** change to read: The medical deduction for an elderly individual begins the month of the individual's 60th birthday.

FS 602-3 Page 8 under **TEAMS CODING** add the TEAMS medical expense code 'FX' to be used for an elderly or disabled individual who is no longer in the household.

FS 602-3 Page 8 remove **TEAMS WORK AROUND FOR A DECEASED MEMBER**.

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